



Sunday 27th April 2025

Easter II

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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Acts 5. 27–32 When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, ‘We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.’ But Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.’

Psalm 150 1 O praise God in his holiness * praise him in the firmament of his power.
2 Praise him in his noble acts * praise him according to his excellent greatness.
3 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet * praise him upon the lute and harp.
4 Praise him in the cymbals and dances * praise him upon the strings and pipe.
5 Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals * praise him upon the loud cymbals.
6 Let every thing that hath breath * praise the Lord.

Revelation 1. 4–8 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 20. 19–end When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post–Communion Collect Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Notices

THANK YOU

To all those who have assisted at the Holy Week services and helped to prepare the churches for the Easter celebrations.

Particular thanks to our assistant clergy and readers, our choir, organists and servers, our flower-arrangers and to all those who helped with Messy Church on Good Friday and Funday Club.

Piano Recital by Simon Watterton, Sunday 4th May at 3pm in St Andrew's Church, Colyton. Featuring the "Appassionata" Sonata by Beethoven. In honour of Nick Brown's 70th Birthday, all are welcome. Free entry with retiring collection. Tea and very nice cake in the interval.

ColyTots & Chorister Club are restarting this week in St Andrew's Church, Colyton. Both on Tuesday 29th April, ColyTots at 9am and Chorister Club at 3.30pm.

Christian Aid Week, 11th to 17th May, with a Christian Aid brunch in Colyton Town Hall on Saturday 17th May from 11am. Please contact Jane Dauncey for further details. On Sunday 11th May, there will be a presentation from a Christian Aid representative at 11am in St Andrew's Church, Colyton following on from the service.

Ascension Day Service, Thursday 29th May, 7.30pm in St Michael's Church, Musbury followed by refreshments.

Your Prayers this week are asked:

Sunday	For those exploring or who are new to the faith
Monday	For the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world
Tuesday	For the family and friends of the late Sue Midgley
Wednesday	For the family and friends of the late Colonel Drake
Thursday	For the congregation of St Michael's, Colyford
Friday	For those preparing for marriage
Saturday	For those working to bring aid and relief to areas of conflict

A Prayer of Sir Francis Drake

Lord God, when thou givest to thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning but the continuing of the same unto the end, until it be thoroughly finished, which yeildeth the true glory; through him who for the finishing of thy work laid down his life, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

Sunday 27th April

Easter II

8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Winifred's, Branscombe
11.15am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Colyford
11.15am	Eucharist, St Giles's, Northleigh
11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
12.30pm	St Giles's Easter Walk, Northleigh
6.30pm	Evening Prayer, St Michael's, Musbury

Monday 28th April

St George

Tuesday 29th April

St Mark

8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
9.00am	ColyTots, St Andrew's, Colyton
12.15pm	Sue Midgley Funeral, East Devon Crem.
3.30pm	Chorister Club, St Andrew's, Colyton
4.30pm	Beginner's Bell-Handling, St Andrew's

Wednesday 30th April

Pandita Ramabai

8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
10.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's Church
2.00pm	Col. Drake Funeral, St Michael's, Musbury
4.15pm	Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's Church
5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Andrew's Church

Thursday 1st May

Ss Philip & James

8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
1.00pm	Colyton Bell-Ringers, St Andrew's Church

Friday 2nd May

St Athanasius

8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
10.00am	Friendly Friday, St Andrew's, Colyton
2.00pm	Piano Tuning, St Andrew's, Colyton
6.45pm	Colyton Choir Practice, St Andrew's Church

Saturday 3rd May

Sunday 4th May

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8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
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11.15am	Eucharist, St Winifred's, Branscombe
11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Michael's, Musbury
11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
1.00pm	Aliza Berry Baptism, St Andrew's, Colyton
3.00pm	Simon Watterton Piano Recital, St Andrew's
3.30pm	Village Praise, St Michael's, Colyford